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SAMSONS FALL,

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And he gave a Sign at the same time, saying, This is the sign, That the Lord hath spoken.

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Samſons Fall

Unfolded

To the Houſe, from the Lady *Eleanor.*

Book of *Judges* 16.

SAMSON become *as another Man*, though of his unknown *Might* and great ſtrength ſtript, in a moment diſpoſſeſt, who wonders or commiſerates, unhappily came by intruſting others, dangerous ſecurity; otherwiſe as what *fetters of Braſs* had been of force him to binde? none whatſoever: So what occupation too baſe for him, ſometime though the worlds no little wonder, crowned with favors not a few, violated his

Vow or ſolemn Obligation: The Almightjes Counſel diſcloſed to his Adverſary, overcome by *a Womans importunity*, her inchanting notes, whereby laid in a Trance; by whom forgotten or obſerved not, how reſerved the *Angel* would not diſcloſe his *Name* ſo much, *whoſe Birth foretold of*; no more then notice took of his Mothers charge, *ſhe wine none to touch*, diſcoverer of ſecrets, beſides abuſed afore through *like Violence, by one of the ſame uncircumciſed Breed.*

Such a blinde thing Love, *Told her all his heart*, the whole matter; they brought into thraldom ſuch, that harbor it, (nothing that can contain) with a look of whoſe brow able to ſilence, were they whoſoever; at his feet all doing homage.

Behold how degraded, had both

his

his eys thrust out, his teeth gnashing or grinding, too made *in the prison house to grinde*, a new dance shewed, to the Mils unaccustomed Musick till swet his heart out, the restless stone his exercise; presumes upon his loving her, or doting rather, *as bray a Fool in a morter, &c. Prov.* not by any Reins or Bit restrained, sent to school to the Horse, the last mite till spent of his vital Spirits; able to gues whose own counsel could keep so wel, what from a woman might expect, she to be trusted whilst a Sieve or Net retains water; besides where *WAITERS* such in her privy Chamber, no news either, how easie by such familiars inticed: And what renewed forces *Samson* stormed by, as aforeshewed, his darling *Dalilah* prest & urged him daily, in danger of shortning his days:

days: Moreover told him, *He loved her not*; (named her *His Love* it ſeems) becauſe jeſted with her, the Lye takes at her hands.

VVhereby overmaſter'd, no more plays faſt and looſe with his Miſtris, *The Philiſtines upon him* in earneſt, took him away, no falſe alarm, feeble *became as another man, wiſt not what he had done, undreamt of, puts on the Braſs ſhakel his Garter, aforetime had mockt them, become their game and paſtime*, brought himſelf to a fair paſs, come *to be led by a Lad*; after twenty years over them, lawleſs vow-makers to them made an open Example, till death pays his Ranſom, confined to the Dungeon-pit all his days.

And herewith haſtning away the patience of your Houſe, leſt overcharged; where the Moral to vulgar ap-

apprehenſions viſible, a ſtory no ſtranger to blinde Ale-houſes, the bare walls not without it, of *Samſon* the priſoner, *a Prince*, ſometime *a Savior or Defender*, &c. at his preſence all making way; No feigned *Atlas* ſtrength, barr'd never ſo faſt, that *laid on his ſhoulder the City Gates* and appurtenance, as a birding piece vvent away with all: alſo *new cords ſevenfold* for failing, and *green wythes* as nothing pluckt aſunder; likewiſe whoſe Maiden locks, like Sun beams extending, povvther'd vvith Angelical odours, faſtned to a VVeavers-beam, inſtantly like a lace rent therefrom; portraying forth not only our *Britiſh* Union, faſt knit and bound, ſoon diſſolved after; and *Iriſh* flouriſhing plantation, that in a night all undone, as thoſe *Brittle Cords and*

wythes.

wythes, &c. *By wilde Boars andravening wolves rooted out, overrun. But how befel him whose heavy fate him also foreshewed in these barren times of ours, as* Samson *his Birth, the Angel when appeared to the Woman and Husband both* (Cap.13.) with the seventeenth Centuries Mystery, as what Date bears, by the multiplied number of seven, (*ver.*7.) *ver.*13. needless to be insisted on, a lamb where may wade, any shallow capacity dive or conceive, *Canaans* road not balkt, proceeding line by line thus, (*ver.*19.) first how awakened, found his crown bare, despoiled of his treasure by a desperate Executioners unlucky Razer, one ready at hand: *Samson* (by underminers over-reached) himself disarmed, the *Spirit of the Lord departed from him*, so forsaken, that after

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that preceding bout with her, by whoſe ungracious venomous hands woven that ſubtile web, taken of his locks *Livery* and *Seizin*.

VVhen at once upon his effectual prayer, had their PAY then, *avenged for his two eyes*, of both diſinherited together; deſcribed in that poſture, *ſtretching forth both his hands took hold with all his Might, &c.* at a blow, *by the houſe falling on thoſe Philiſtines, Lords three thouſand*, ſo *that at his Death, the dead exceeded*, ver. *or were more then had periſhed in his life, or ſuffered; Wives and Children partakers with them*, afore bare all the ſway; at which *Feſtival* ſpectators no few: other ſome on the Roof, ſuppoſing as at other times ſhould *have made them ſport*, the houſe *ſupported on Pillars*, at once ſwept away;

whom his Brethren of his fathers houſe took up and buried: that of the Powder deſign matching it the neareſt, ſhewing what Truſt to be repoſed in *Princes* or *Pillars* either. And thus of *Samſon* neither ſpared, brought to his Tryal, found guilty, *Great Britains* Lyon rent in pieces, ſhadowed out in *Samſons* exploits; ſo much for that, when Caſhiered thoſe Revellings, *Dagons houſe* demoliſhed; and for theſe where twice voted, *And there was no King*, &c. *every man did what was right in his own eyes*, ver. evident as this unqueſtionable, *Whether ever before or ſince, in ſuch a ſpace of time, ſo many at once periſhed, as of late have done.*

VVhere theſe doings Recorded withal, till this Reformation the like deformity unknown, conjured up again,

again, as it were, (*What lack ye?*) though Sentenced down, whose owners under Condemnation, here robbed of their hair, in the likeness of *unclean Spirits* set on their Stalls; the Cap as ugly as ominous, saluted with this Neck-verse, ver. 13. *If thou weavest or plattest seven locks of my head, &c.* Summoned to appear at the Sign of the *Gallows*, by *Samsons* breaking as it were the Halter.

So from him *The Lord of Sabbath, holding in his Right hand the Sign of the seven stars*, This *Legacy* toward your yong mens feastings (thus armed at all points) [illegible] turned into fire and sword, not unuseful for Sea and Land-service, the Ropes, wythes, and fetters for Ship-tackling, Brass pieces and Match, that *Goliah*-generation to withstand, blinde Mo-

narchy and uncircumciſed Prieſthood, the vail not taken off their hearts. ; finiſhed this of no common conſequence (the whole worlds Map or Survey) whereby prefigured *his coming at hand, the Son of the Moſt High, a greater then Samſon*, firſt a Sign given to the ungrateful *Jew*, and then to the *Gentile*, a prototype of the *Word of God*; Alſo who as though riſen again or revived, after made their Muſick and Game, *whoſe ſtrength again came to him*, upon his ſolemn prayer (as that) *Father, glorifie me*, &c. (Ioh. 17.) alſo when convinced 3000 in one day, *Men and Brethren, what ſhall we do? prickt at the heart*, &c. with *Adams* fall inclusive, hearkned to her proſect *Eves* (Heb. *Chavah*) for which as *the man caſt out*: ſo for whoſe degenerate progeny utter darkneſs reſerved.

To the most Honorable, The High Court of Parliament assembled.

My Lords,

AS theres a *Time for every thing under the Sun*, and if ever for being abrupt and brief in, it is *NOW*, when *Time* thus precious with your Lordships; So under the Sun since there is nothing but a supernatural course to be taken, touching the *Cure* of such unnatural conditioned *Times*: The Almighty his *Word* the onely *Balm* and *Soveraign* Remedy when ye have tryed all: If any therefore do amiss and miscarry of you, blame your selves none but the *Parliament*: For I shall of no little *Burthen* discharge my self here, who can but say and tell you: a receipt

Sealed with the Lord *Brooks* blood, immediately after slain about Candlemas, 1642.

ceipt I have of ſuch rare operation and vertue given me, that within few days it ſhal bring him again to Himſelf, I mean the *KING*, after abſent ſo long from his *Parliament*; whoſe Character if ye pleaſe to obſerve, this is his:

He that no Chains could binde him, Mark Evangeliſt the 5.) *That had been often bound with fetters and Chains pluckt aſſunder by him, and the fetters broken in pieces; neither could by any man be tamed*; as much to ſay, *neither* Oath, *nor* word, *or* Promiſe *availing, or any Reaſon of force to perſwade with him*, as the Holy Ghoſts ſpeaking plain; by that adjuring in *Gods Name*, and by asking his *name* too, *ſaying*, LEGION, *for they were*

Which beſide his unfaithfulneſs, includes his impriſonment, and what enſues, as appears, who beſought not tormented to be before his time, as though the time had been foretold him.

were many, who ſpake not with the leaſt: Nevertheleſs, his great words not more fierce then fearful of the *Lords preſence*; This man wounding himſelf thus, bidden, *Go home to his friends*.

Who went to the Scots, as not marvelled at a little.

And thus have made tender unto your Lordſhips of my ſervice, whether or no ye accept thereof, for to bring his Majeſty to you, *ſitting as afore time cloathed, &c.* and doing withal what ye ſhall ask or deſire.

As for the Cavaliers, what they ſhall do all of them, even crave a Paſs hereby to take Shipping for the *Low-Countreys* and *Germany*, to be gone away; the *Boors* will entertain them willingly: St. *Matth.*8. gives notice of two, *ſo exceeding fierce that none might paſs by that way*; to wit, that

that Dutch Duke and his Brother, those possessed Princes, to return also without delay Home again, beyond Sea.

Though had six moneths liberty to stay yet upon pain of death were commanded to depart within ten days.

1642. The 3. of *January.*

VVaiting on your *Lordships Commands*

ELEANOR.

In which fatal moneth of Ianuary, both the Archbishop and late King were executed afterward.

The Holy Ghosts

New-Years-Gift.

FINIS.